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1. Besides Soviet Air Force units, six to eight hundred troops, most of whom were very young soldiers, of tank and artillery units were quartered in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, KOETHEN (M 52/D 95). An unusually large number of tank officers was observed with the Soviet Army units.

2. The following heavy weapons were observed in the airfield area:

- 4 four-wheel armored reconnaissance cars with guns of 50 to 70 mm caliber
- 5 (according to ^{other} informant; 8) rocket launchers, the guide-rail frame having a width of about 10 feet
- 4 160-mm mortars
- 3 76.2 mm antitank guns
- 10 to 12 80-mm mortars.

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3. Only a Soviet kommandatura with attached MGB office was located in KOETHEN itself. The personnel totaled 80 to 100.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment:

More units from the KOETHEN airfield left for maneuvers between 20 and 30 August 1949. Mortars of 120-mm caliber were also observed with these units.


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Component units of the 7th Gds Tank Div (Cadre) including the 23rd Gds Mtz Rifle Regt (Cadre), have been stationed in KOETHEN since the spring of 1949. According to previous information, the combat units of this division alternated

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in holding field exercises in the WENDER-MARKENDORF training area from June to September 1949. This information is corroborated by the statement that "more" units from the KORTHEM Fliegerhorst Kaserne left for maneuvers.

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